

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing an automatic service over a communication network to a user based on stored instructions by a user on a user computer, comprising the steps of:

a service provider automatically initiating the obtaining of instructions stored on a user computer over said communication network by a service provider, said instructions being associated with a digital media file stored on said user computer, and

implementing said instructions with respect to said associated digital image file.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 where said instruction comprises instructions relating the sale of rights to use and/or reproduce said image.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1 where said instruction comprises the purchase, use, or sale of an item displayed in said image.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said instruction was entered on a form.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 4 wherein said form is displayed in association with said image.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 4 wherein said form is stored remotely at the service provider.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the service provider recognizes that a digital image file has been identified for a service during a routine communication interval.

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8. (Original) A method according to claim 7 wherein an electronic form is provided to the user by service provider in response to discovering of the identified digital image file.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein a metadata field of the identified digital image file is modified to reflect the data added to the electronic form.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 9 wherein the metadata field is provided in said service provider computer.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 9 wherein the metadata field is provided in said user computer.

12. (currently amended) A system for providing an automatic service over a communication network to a user based on stored instructions on a user computer, comprising:

a service provider computer for initiating the automatically obtaining of said instructions stored on said user computer over a communication network, said instructions being associated with a digital media file stored on said user computer, said service provider implementing said instructions with respect to said associated digital image file.

13. (currently amended) A method for providing an automatic service over a communication network to a user based on stored instructions by a user on a user computer, comprising the steps of:

storing instructions on said user computer with respect to an associated digital image file, said digital image file representing an image;

~~a service provider~~ automatically initiating the obtaining of instructions stored on a user computer over said communication network by a service provider; and

implementing said instructions with respect to said associated digital image file.

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14. (Original) A method according to claim 13 where said instructions comprises instructions relating to the sale of rights to use and/or reproduce said image.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein said instruction comprises the purchase, use, or sale of an item displayed in said image.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein said instruction was entered on a form.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 16 wherein said form is displayed in association with said image.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 16 wherein said form is stored remotely at the service provider.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein the service provider recognizes that a digital image file has been identified for a service during a routine communication interval.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 19 wherein an electronic form is provided to the user by service provider in response to discovering of the identified digital image file.

21. (Original) A method according to claim 14 wherein a metadata field of the identified digital image file is modified to reflect the data added to the electronic form.

22. (Original) A method according to claim 21 wherein metadata field is provided in said the service provider computer.

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23. (Original) A method according to claim 21 wherein metadata field is provided in said user computer.

24. (currently amended) A method for providing an automatic service over a communication network to a user based on stored instructions by a user on a user computer, comprising the steps of:

a-service provider automatically initiating the obtaining of instructions stored on a user computer over said communication network by a service provider, said instructions being associated with a digital media file stored on said user computer, said instruction comprises instructions relating to the sale of rights to use and/or reproduce said image; and

implementing said instructions with respect to said associated digital image file.